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DUI/Driver's License Checkpoint Planned for April 5, 2019

Riverside, Calif. – The Riverside Police Department will be conducting a DUI/Driver's License Checkpoint on Friday, April 5, 2019, at an undisclosed location within the city limits between the hours of 9:00 p.m. to 03:00 a.m.

DUI Checkpoints like this one are placed in locations based on collision statistics and frequency of DUI arrests. Officers will be looking for signs of alcohol and/or drug impairment, with officers checking drivers for proper licensing.

The Riverside Police Department reminds drivers that "DUI Doesn't Just Mean Booze." If you take prescription drugs, particularly those with a driving or operating machinery warning on the label, you might be impaired enough to get a DUI. Marijuana can also be impairing, especially in combination with alcohol or other drugs, and can result in a DUI.

In 2017, 1,120 people were killed in alcohol-involved crashes on California roads. Over the past three years, Riverside PD officers have investigated 397 DUI collisions, which have claimed 15 lives and results in another 560 injuries.

The Riverside Police Department offers these reminders to ensure you have a safe night of fun that doesn't involve a DUI:

- Always use a designated sober driver – a friend who is not drinking, ride-share, cab or public transportation – to get home.
- See someone who is clearly impaired try and drive? Take the keys and help them make other arrangements to find a sober way home.
- Report drunk drivers – Call 911.
- Hosting a party? Offer nonalcoholic drinks. Monitor who is drinking and how they are getting home.

Getting home safely is cheap, but getting a DUI is not! Drivers caught driving impaired and charged with DUI can expect the impact of a DUI arrest to be upwards of \$13,500. This includes fines, fees, DUI classes, license suspension and other expenses not to mention possible jail time.

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